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ADD 1 MCCONE, WASHINGTON (UPI-59)

IN OTHER DEBATE PRECEDINGS THE CONFIRMATION VOTE, SEN. FRANCIS S. CASE, R-S.D., QUESTIONED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MCCONE'S EXTENSIVE BUSINESS HOLDINGS.

NOTING THAT MCCONE WILL BE MAKING VITAL DECISIONS AFFECTING NATIONAL POLICY, CASE ASKED: "WILL HIS INSTINCTS BE FREE FROM HIS BACKGROUND?"

SEN. EARNEST GRUENING, D-ALASKA, SAID THE CIA IS THE ONLY AGENCY IN GOVERNMENT COMPLETELY IMMUNE FROM CONGRESSIONAL CONTROLS OR SUPERVISION.

HE ALSO QUESTIONED MCCONE'S QUALIFICATIONS AND WHETHER HE MIGHT BE INFLUENCED BY HIS BUSINESS HOLDINGS.

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ADD 2 MCCONE, WASHINGTON

REPLYING TO MCCONE'S CRITICS JUST BEFORE THE VOTE, CHAIRMAN RICHARD B. RUSSELL, D-GA., OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE SAID HE REGRETTED THAT REPORTS OF CIA OVERSEAS OPERATIONS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED ON THE SENATE FLOOR.

"I AM DISAPPOINTED AT THE EXTENT TO WHICH INNUENDO WAS USED," RUSSELL ADDED. HE EVIDENTLY REFERRED TO SUGGESTIONS THAT THE WEALTHY CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN MIGHT INVOLVE HIMSELF IN CONFLICTS OF INTEREST THROUGH HIS HOLDINGS IN SHIPPING AND OIL COMPANIES.

MCCONE'S OPPONENTS SEEMED TO BELIEVE, SAID RUSSELL, THAT THE CIA DIRECTOR IS A SUPER STATE DEPARTMENT WHO FRAMES FOREIGN POLICY OR A "FREE-WHEELING SECRETARY OF DEFENSE GOING AROUND THE WORLD DECLARING WAR AND TOPPLING GOVERNMENTS BY COVERT MEANS."

MCCONE'S FOREIGN POLICY VIEWS ARE NOT IMPORTANT BECAUSE HE WILL BE MERELY AN AGENT OF THE PRESIDENT, RUSSELL SAID.

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ADD 3 MCCONE, WASHINGTON

"ALL OF THIS TALK ABOUT MR. MCCONE'S VIEWS ON FOREIGN POLICY AND WHAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT THE POLICIES BEING APPLIED IN IRAN, IRAQ, THE CONGO OR SOME OTHER POINT ARE ESSENTIALLY BESIDE THE POINT," RUSSELL DECLARED.

HE PRAISED THE NOMINEE AS FULLY QUALIFIED FOR THE CIA POST IN EVERY RESPECT. MCCONE IS AN ABLE, PATRIOTIC, HONEST, FORTHRIGHT AMERICAN WHO DESIRES ONLY TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY, RUSSELL SAID.

RUSSELL TOLD THE SENATE THAT IF MCCONE DID NOT PROVE TO BE EVERYTHING EXPECTED AS CIA DIRECTOR "THE PRESIDENT CAN GET RID OF HIM AT THE STROKE OF A PEN."

HE ARGUED THAT THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATUTE RELATES TO THE ISSUE OF POWER OF PROCUREMENT AND IS "DESIGNED TO PREVENT ANY MAN WITH CONTROL OF TAX MONEY FROM DOING BUSINESS WITH HIMSELF." HE SAID HE COULD NOT SEE HOW THIS AFFECTS MCCONE AS CIA DIRECTOR.

RUSSELL NOTED THAT "SENATORS THEMSELVES HOLD STOCK" AND SAID THAT THERE IS "MUCH MORE LIKELIHOOD OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH A SENATOR THAN WITH THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE."

SEN. FRANK J. LAUSCHE, D-OHIO RAISED THE QUESTION OF MCCONE'S HOLDINGS IN STANDARD OIL OF CALIFORNIA, WHICH IN TURN HAS OIL HOLDINGS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY THAT MCCONE MIGHT LEAN IN ADVANCE OF A POSSIBLE OIL EXPROPRIATION ACTION BY SOME MID-EAST COUNTRY, AND THEREFORE BE IN POSITION TO BENEFIT HIS OWN INTEREST.

RUSSELL REPLIED THIS COULD ONLY BE ASSUMED "IF YOU WANT TO THINK THE WORST" OF MCCONE. HE SAID THE SAME KIND OF ASSUMPTION MIGHT BE MADE AGAINST A PERSON OF THE JEWISH FAITH, BECAUSE OF ISRAEL, OR OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH, BECAUSE HE "MIGHT BE INFLUENCED BY THE POPE AT ROME."

SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT, D-ARK., ANNOUNCED HE COULD NOT VOTE FOR MCCONE BECAUSE HE HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED WHAT FOREIGN POLICY VIEWS ARE HELD BY THE NOMINEE.

FULBRIGHT SAID NEITHER HE NOR HIS COMMITTEE WAS CONSULTED ABOUT THE APPOINTMENT AND THE COMMITTEE HAS "NOT BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE INFORMED" ON HIS FOREIGN POLICY VIEWS.

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ADD 4 MCCONE, WASHINGTON

THE SENATE CONFIRMED MCCONE AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

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ADD 5 MCCONE, WASHINGTON

THE ROLL CALL VOTE WAS 71 TO 12 FOR CONFIRMATION.

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